

Exeter Memorial Day Parade Committee

November 9, 2016

Present were: Jim Farber, Gary Lamphere, Florence Ruffner, Al Brandano, Julie Gilman, Natalie Healy, Patsy Thayer.

Julie began the meeting with an overview of the procedures to be adhered to now that we are a town committee. We then determined that our meetings would be held on the first Tuesday of every month at 10:00 at Florence Ruffner's Real Estate Office.

The next order of business was to distribute the responsibility for the various groups and aspects of the parade to the committee members. All of us will make contact with last year's parade participants by our next meeting. There will be a need for some volunteers from the community to assist the committee members with large contingents of participants, for example the scouts.

Next followed some discussion regarding the aspects of the parade which will require some fine tuning, such as the addition of an itinerary and program for the general public; some things that should perhaps be changed or eliminated, such as a helicopter that does not come down the river as it disturbs the silence and sense of calm as we lay the wreath on the river - to be replaced with a helicopter that lands and the public is able to see up close prior to the beginning of the parade.

We are pursuing a speaker and the involvement of more vets in our parade, with particular emphasis on the Viet Nam Vets.

Our next meeting will be December 6, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,
Patsy Thayer, secretary